

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A network control system and method that outputs documents and figures from an image forming apparatus based on an image forming condition as provided by a computer. An operation panel is configured to prepare an indication as to how the image will be prepared. A memory holds display information representative of an appearance of the operation panel, and a network server holds respective display information for each candidate image forming device connected to the network. A computer is connected to the image forming apparatus via a network and displays the display information representative of the appearance of the operation panel. Any one of the image forming apparatus on the network may be selected by the computer when issuing a print instruction from the computer. The image forming apparatus selected by the computer transmits display information towards the computer (perhaps by way of the server), by retrieving the display information from memory. The computer inputs an image forming condition based on the displayed information corresponding to the operation panel so that the print instruction sent from the computer to the selected image forming apparatus will include the image forming condition.